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1. The military units listed below are located in and around Sofia:

- a. An unidentified infantry regiment is located about two kilometers north of Pancharevo (N 42-35, E 23-34), Sofia Okoliya, on the Sofia-Samokov highway, where it is billeted in one-story wooden buildings.
- b. An unidentified infantry regiment is located 100 to 150 meters northeast of Boyana (N 42-39, E 23-16), Sofia Okoliya, about halfway between Boyana and Sofia. Some of the regiment buildings are wooden and some "stone."
- c. About one kilometer from the Tsiganski Quarter, on the western edge of Sofia and approximately two kilometers from the Faculty of Zoology farm, between a highway and the Sofia-Dimitrovo railroad in the vicinity of "Sukhopol," is a barracks area as large as a small village containing wooden and concrete buildings. Infantry, artillery, armored and other units are billeted there. Size, unit designation, subordination [] of the unit are not known. 25X1
- d. The 3 Armored Brigade is located 1.5 to 2 kilometers northwest of Knyazhevo (N 42-40, E 24-14) and about 1.5 kilometers south of Gorna Banya (N 42-41, E 23-13), Sofia Okoliya. The edge of the barracks area, which is surrounded by barbed wire, is 100 meters from the Sofia-Dimitrovo railroad. The only building [] was a 2-or 3-story, large white building. More than 100 tanks with protective waterproof covers, which [] were heavy tanks, were parked in the barracks area. One of the officers of this unit is Senior First Lieutenant Yordan Gerginov Belinov, who resides at the corner of Lambi Kandev and Kapitan Georgi Streets, Sofia, 25X1

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in his own 2-story house. [REDACTED]

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- e. The barracks of an unidentified artillery regiment are located west of the Sofia Central Prison. Truck-drawn 4-wheeled guns with long barrels were seen in the barracks area, which is "large," surrounded by stone walls and contains two large yellow 2-story buildings.
- f. An unidentified unit is quartered in a barracks area surrounded by high walls on General Stoletov Street and north of Sofia Central Prison. It is not an infantry or engineering regiment and may possibly be a communications unit because many enlisted men who wore the insignia of telephone operators were seen entering the area. A large number of trucks and other vehicles were also seen there.
- g. An unidentified engineer regiment is situated between the Ivan Vazov and Lozenets Quarters of Sofia on the bank of the Perlovska River in a barracks area which is surrounded by a barbed wire fence and contains many large buildings and garages. The regiment engages in bridge building practice on the Perlovska River and practices laying mine fields in a level area behind the "Baba Tonka" girls' boarding school.
- h. The 4 Transportation and the 1 Engineer Regiments are located just at the beginning of the Sofia-Knyazhevo highway and northwest of the highway and the streetcar line next to the Zavod 12 truck factory in the Lagera Quarter of Sofia. The 1 Engineer Regiment has several large buildings [REDACTED] and the 4 Transportation Regiment has a very large E-shaped yellow building as well as a garage. A few other new buildings have been constructed in recent years which [REDACTED] are headquarters buildings. The regiment has an unidentified number of new ZIS trucks parked in rows in an open field on the other side of the railroad track.

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- i. The barracks of an unidentified antiaircraft artillery regiment are located in the southern part of Lozenets Quarter of Sofia near the brick factory and next to the radio station on a hill. The side nearest the brick factory, or the western side of the hill, is a steep bluff and the remainder of the perimeter of the barracks area is protected by barbed wire. The buildings are 1-story wooden sheds. The unit has antiaircraft guns mounted on four wheels with barrels about three meters long placed along the western edge of the barracks area on the heights overlooking the Lagera Quarter of Sofia, the heights in Gevgeliyski Quarter, the heights in Slatina Quarter as well as by railroad stations and near heavy industry plants. For example, two are placed by the Poduene Railroad Station and two on the roof of the Komuna factory.
- j. An unidentified unit has barracks southeast of Sofia on the Sofia-Plodiv highway opposite a large city park.
- k. Four kilometers southeast of Sofia, also on the Sofia-Plodiv highway, is a large barracks area with at least seven 2 or 3-story buildings possibly occupied by artillery and armored units. Tanks and artillery pieces mounted on four wheels and towed by trucks were seen leaving the area. One of the officers of this unit is First Lieutenant Zhivko Ivanov Yordanov, [REDACTED]

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- l. An unidentified air force unit, [REDACTED] is located at Bozhurishte Airfield, Sofia.

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- m. Trudovak barracks are in the Lagera Quarter of Sofia near Zemyane Quarter.

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- n. Barracks occupied by Interior Troops (Vnutreshni Voyski) are on both sides of Perlovska River at the corner of Zaimov and Evlogi Georgiev Streets next to the Poduene bathhouse.
2. The following military units are located in other sections of Bulgaria:
- a. The barracks of an unidentified artillery regiment are located on the north-west side of Vidin next to the stock yards.
 - b. Several years ago, an unidentified rifle regiment occupied a group of 1-story stone barracks buildings on the southeast side of Gumzovo (N 44-05, E 22-45), Vidin Okoliya, northwest of the city of Vidin.
 - c. The Border Guard training school in Belogradchik trains Border Guard troops for all the Border Guard units in Bulgaria, and has ten training battalions, containing approximately 3000 men in all, billeted in 4-story barracks buildings.
 - d. An unidentified artillery regiment, [] is located in Vratsa. One of the component units of this regiment has [] 25X1
 - e. An unidentified antiaircraft artillery regiment, [] is located in the Karshi Yaka Quarter of Plovdiv. A component unit of this regiment has [] 25X1
 - f. An unidentified artillery regiment is located just southwest of Plovdiv on the Plovdiv-Pazardzhik highway where it occupies 2 or 3-story yellow buildings in an area surrounded by stone walls.
 - g. An unidentified artillery regiment, [] is located in Yambol. A component of this regiment has [] 25X1
 - h. An unidentified rifle regiment is in Yambol.
 - i. An unidentified rifle regiment, [] is in Svilengrad. 25X1
 - j. The barracks of an unidentified tank brigade in Lom are in the southeast section of the town between the Lom-Sofia railroad and the Lom-Sofia highway.
 - k. The barracks of an unidentified tank brigade, [] which is subordinate to the 2 Army, are located in the eastern part of Plovdiv opposite a cemetery and surrounded by stone walls. Two or three Joseph Stalin heavy tanks were seen there, and [] this brigade has about 200 tanks. One of the subordinate units has [] 25X1
 - l. The tank brigade located either in Sveti Vrach or Razlog, was formed in "recent years" and has [] 25X1
 - m. An unidentified tank brigade in Khaskovo, [] has a subordinate armored unit, [] also in Khaskovo. 25X1
 - n. The barracks of tank units in Breznik are located on the southeast edge of the town next to a woods.
 - o. An unidentified tank unit, [] is in Pazardzhik. A component of this unit has [] 25X1
 - p. A heavy artillery regiment, [] is located in Lom next to the tank brigade barracks which are between the Lom-Sofia railroad and the Lom-Sofia highway. Two heavy howitzers with "long barrels" mounted on four wheels and towed by trucks or tractors were seen in the barracks area of this regiment. 25X1

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Antitank units, [redacted] and an unidentified unit,
[redacted] are subordinate to this regiment.

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- q. There are rocket-launching (katyusha) units in Pleven and Dobrich. In 1950 and 1951, on 1 May and 9 September, about 20 or 30 special trucks equipped with rocket-launching equipment came from Pleven to Sofia for military reviews. Some of the trucks had two launching tubes and some one.
- r. A naval unit called "Krim 1" is in Varna.
- s. Unidentified tank units are in Stara Zagora, Sliven, Burgas, Kazanlık and Vidin.
- 3. The military centers of Bulgaria are said [redacted] to be Shumen, Sliven, Khaskovo and Kurdzhali.

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